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HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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Many Afro-Americans Played a Very Prominent Part in the Inaugural Ceremonies.

ATTENDING THE INDUCTION INTO OFFICE OF PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON AND VICE-PRESIDENT THOMAS R. MARSHALL.

THEY WERE CONSPICUOUS IN THE MEMORABLE PROCESSION FROM ITS BEGINNING TO ITS END—THE NINTH CAVALRY OCCUPYING THE POST OF HONOR.

SANDY BROOKS, AN AFRO-AMERICAN, WHO HAS DRIVEN ALL THE PRESIDENTS FROM WILLIAM MCKINLEY DOWN TO THE PRESENT TIME, DISCHARGED THAT SAME DUTY TO PRESIDENT WILSON—A COLORED FOOTMAN ASSISTING HIM.

A LARGE NUMBER OF AFRO-AMERICANS WERE MIXED IN AMONG THE NATIONAL GUARDS OF THE VARIOUS STATES—MANY OF THE ORDERLIES MOUNTED ON FLEET-FOOTED HORSES WERE COLORED MEN.

CAPTAIN SPENCER HEAD OF THE COLORED COMPANY OF MARYLAND WERE LOUDLY APPLAUDED AS THEY MARCHED DOWN PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WHILE THE BAND PLAYED "MY MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND".

THE LAW STUDENTS FROM THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY WITH THEIR LONG COATS AND BLACK CAPS MADE A FINE IMPRESSION AS THEY MARCHED ALONG THAT FAMOUS THOROUGHFARE.

THE BATTALION OF THE COLORED HIGH SCHOOL CADETS OF WASHINGTON, D. C., THE UNIFORM BARKS KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, THE TRUE REFORMERS, THE COLORED TAMMANY OF GREATER NEW YORK, ROBERT N. WOOD, CHIEF IN COMMAND, ELICITED MORE THAN FAVORABLE COMMENT FROM THE MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED THAT GRAND DEMONSTRATION.

THE NATIONAL COLORED DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE WITH ITS BEAUTIFUL BANNER FLYING TO THE SOFT BREEZES—MANY OF ITS MEMBERS WEARING HIGH SILK HATS—WERE HEARTILY CHEERED AND RECEIVED ITS SHARE OF THE HONORS AS ITS MEMBERS MARCHED THROUGH THE COURT OF HONOR AND WERE REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

NO COLOR LINE EXISTED DURING THE INAUGURAL EXERCISES—BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS SAT NEAR THE PRESIDENT WHEN HE DELIVERED HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS—OTHER COLORED MEN AND WOMEN OCCUPIED SEATS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL GRAND STAND AND IN OTHER SELECT STANDS ALONG THE LINE OF MARCH.

THE INAUGURAL BALL AND GRAND RECEPTION GIVEN AT CONVENTION HALL WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 5, WAS A MOST BRILLIANT AFFAIR—IT WAS ATTENDED BY MANY PROMINENT AFRO-AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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BIRD'S EYE-VIEW OF THE GREAT PAGEANT BY JULIUS F. TAYLOR.

One hour after arriving in Washington, D. C., Monday evening, March 3, we wended our way to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Dunn, 125 C. Street, S. W. Mrs. Dunn was formerly Miss Alice Fowler, sister of Mrs. Geneva Smith, 5363 Dearborn street this city and we had the pleasure of meeting Miss Fowler while she was visiting her sister here in the summer of 1905, and not long after returning to her home in Atlanta, Ga. she became united in marriage to Mr. Dunn and not long after doing so they removed from Atlanta to Washington, D. C., where he holds a civil service position with the United States government. While stopping at their nicely furnished home we had the freedom of the house and this fact made it ever so much like home.

That same Monday evening, after Mrs. Dunn had prepared our dinner and we had safely stored it away, Mr. and Mrs. Whitlow, Mrs. Dunn and the writer strolled down Pennsylvania avenue clear apart the Court of Honor, where the President and Vice-President stood for many hours the next day to review the great parade. Pennsylvania Ave. was brilliantly illuminated from end to end, it seemed with more than a million electric lights, making it just as light as a bright sunny day and it was a most enchanting sight to behold.

Right at this point we must pause for a few moments to state for the second time that we arrived in Washington, D. C., on Monday evening just in time to see the tail end of the equal

suffrage parade and to witness some of the many insults heaped upon some of the best White women in this country, by White gentlemen hailing from all parts of it. Major Sylvester, superintendent of the police force of that city and the vast majority of his head and lesser officers were not in favor of the equal suffrage parade and very little effort was put forth by them to maintain any kind of order while the paraders passed down Pennsylvania Ave.; many of the (White) officers themselves gleefully joining in with other White gentlemen in loudly hurling some of the vilest, the coarsest and the most abhorrent epithets, not at the Colored women who were in the parade, but at White ladies, their own flesh and blood.

Several half drunken White gentlemen spat in the faces of some of the White ladies in the parade and one White gentleman in order to show that he was a real gentleman staggered up in front of a very beautiful young lady who was astride a horse, caught her by the foot, pulled her big toe and was just in the act of taking other undue liberties with her when she kicked him in the face and rode on. Disorder was so rampant and the White police officers from the highest to the lowest with few exceptions made no effort to protect them, and in order to restore order and give the marchers fair play like other American citizens a large number of the ninth cavalry were forced to ride at full speed up and down each side of Pennsylvania Ave. for the sole purpose



HON. SAMUEL ALSCHULER.

Prominent lawyer, of Chicago, and as the Senatorial contest at Springfield continues unabated, he stands a splendid show of being chosen as the compromised candidate of the United States Senate.

of forcing the mob of White gentlemen to fall back and give their own ladies a chance to march and show their beautiful shapes or forms and many of the White police officers who had been standing around with folded arms and assisting to hurl all kinds of insults at the ladies by calling them "Ga. chickens" and so on, were compelled to flee for their lives in order to avoid being trampled upon by the mounted cavalrymen.

Two days after the equal suffrage parade the Senate Committee started into investigating the conduct of Major Sylvester and the other high police officials in relation to the parade and it is very gratifying to state that many of the White ladies testified before the Senate Committee to the effect that "with rare exceptions the Colored police officers were the only ones who honestly endeavored to maintain law and order and that put forth their very best efforts to manfully protect them from the brutal and the uncalled for assaults of White gentlemen."

In view of this fact as of all the foregoing, what becomes of the hue and cry that White gentlemen are ever ready to send up to the high heavens, that the honor of White ladies must be protected at all times not by Black men but by White gentlemen; that Colored men have no higher ambition than to rape or assault White ladies?

This may be true in the estimation of some White gentlemen but we strongly incline to the opinion that many White gentlemen have not the slightest respect for the very best women of their own race and that on the slightest occasion they are ready to assault and insult them and place them on the same level with the White ladies who reside in the Red Light districts in all the large and in many of the smaller cities and towns throughout this country.

With these preliminary remarks we will proceed with the main subject namely, the important part played by many prominent Afro-Americans in the inaugural ceremonies attending the induction into office of President Woodrow Wilson and Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall.

Thousands of Afro-Americans residing in Washington, D. C., and in other sections of this country were so full of prejudice against the Democrats or the Democratic party, that they felt dead sure that not one Colored person in any manner, shape or form would be permitted to have one thing to do in connection with the inaugural parade, but in this respect they were sadly mistaken and it is far beyond our ability to convey to the minds of the many readers of this paper, the importance of the Afro-Americans in the memorable parade from its begin-

ning to its end; there was no color line in it at any point; it was an old-fashioned Democratic parade in every way; first to attract the attention of the vast concourse of people who witnessed it was the carriage of the Presidential party and it was occupied by President Wilson, former President William H. Taft, and by Senators Crane and Bacon; the fine horses attached to the Presidential carriage were driven by Sandy Brooks, who is a real Afro-American, and he has driven all the Presidents, from President William McKinley down to President Wilson; he was also assisted by a Colored footman; the next to pass the Court of Honor after the mounted police was Major-General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, U. S. A., and his staff; the famous Ninth Cavalry (Colored) occupying the post of honor; the New York Times of Sunday, March 9, contains a very beautiful view or picture of the Ninth Cavalry and the prominent part they played in the parade and so great was the demand for that issue of the Times in the East that we were unable to secure a copy of that issue until we called at the Times Building, in the Times Square in New York City on Wednesday, March 12.

The appearance of the Ninth Cavalry in the parade was the first eye-opener for the doubting Afro-Americans, but they were nothing in comparison to that which was to follow them for a very large number of Afro-Americans were mixed up or in among the National Guards of the various states, and at no time were they bunched off by themselves; on the contrary they proudly marched right by the sides of their respective White comrades in arms and not the slightest attempt on the part of any one was made to insult them for so doing.

The majority of the orderlies were young Colored men, they being mounted on fleet-footed horses and it was no uncommon sight to see them racing up and down Pennsylvania Avenue, or the full length of the parade carrying orders to this or to that high commanding officer as the case might be.

It more than filled our heart with joy when we beheld Governor Foss of Massachusetts in all his military glory, mounted on a beautiful black horse riding well in advance of his staff officers, with the great National Guard of that Cod Fish State following them, and just as Governor Foss rode opposite to where we were standing and looking at him square in his smiling Democratic face, a Colored orderly rushed up in front of him, halted his horse in the twinkling of an eye, then he gave the Governor the

The Grand Reception and Banquet in Honor of Bishop Alexander Walters

AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO WASHINGTON, D. C., WAS A MOST DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR.

PROF. L. M. HERSHAW BRILLIANTLY SERVED AS THE TOASTMASTER.

HON. ARCHIBALD H. GRIMKE, ONE OF THE MOST NOTED AFRO-AMERICAN SCHOLARS IN THIS COUNTRY DELIVERED THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

MISS HENRIETTA VINTON DAVIS INTERESTINGLY RECITED TO THE GREAT PLEASURE OF THE THREE HUNDRED OR MORE GUESTS SEATED AROUND THE LONG BANQUET TABLES.

JULIUS F. TAYLOR WAS FLATTERINGLY INTRODUCED BY THE TOASTMASTER AND RESPONDED TO ONE OF THE TOASTS.

Tuesday evening, March 4, the Afro-American citizens of Washington, D. C., tendered a grand reception and banquet, to Bishop Alexander Walters, and other distinguished visitors, to that city during the Inauguration week.

Mr. William T. Ferguson, one of our old warm friends, was chairman of the reception and banquet committee, and he is past master of the art in that direction.

The affair was held in the Y. M. C. A. Building, 1816 12th Street N. W. The reception was from 8 to 11 p. m., and the cream of the 400 among the Afro-Americans in that city, also including many of the most distinguished men and women from other parts of the country and it was some manners, the way the ladies were costumed. Many of them were attired in the richest and the finest of creations of the Modiste Art, and they were the personification of all that is lovely and beautiful.

The majority of the men were in full evening dress. An orchestra discoursed the finest music, during the reception and the banquet which followed it.

Prof. L. M. Hershaw more than sustained his past reputation as one of the most brilliant toastmasters in this country. The following was the order of the program speakers:

Prof. L. M. Hershaw, Toastmaster; Hon. Archibald H. Grimke, Address of Welcome; Bishop Alexander Walters, Response—Our Permanent Gains and the Things We Hope to Obtain; Dr. George C. Clement, Prof. Kelly Miller, Good Fellowship in Politics; Fountain Peyton, The Lawyer in Politics; James H. Anderson, The Press; Roscoe C. Bruce, Hon. John C. Dancy, Alain LeRoy Locke, New Leadership; Julius F. Taylor, Napoleon B. Marshall, Organization; James A. Ross, S. Douglass Russell, J. E. Curtis, Alfred B. Cooley. Reception Committee—W. T. Ferguson, Chairman; Charles E. Barnes, Secretary; J. T. C. Newsom, Treasurer; A. L. Bates, Robert W. Johnson, George C. Smith, Wm. C. Payne, A. H. Underdown, Dorsey B. Conrad.

Aides—Miss Thomasine Carrothers, Miss Florence M. Barker, Miss Valerie P. Chase, Miss Daisie L. Caldwell, Miss Ada Williams, Miss Bertha E. Roberts, Miss Nellie Johnson. The menu was all that could be expected. It was served by the California Fruit and Delicatessen Co., A. H. Underdown, manager. He is proud of the fact that he is an Afro-American Democrat, and he and his good wife, Mrs. Underdown, conduct one of the neatest and one of the best delicatessen stores in Washington, D. C.

In the midst of the feasting Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis interestingly recited to the great pleasure of the three hundred or more guests seated around the long banquet tables. The following are a few of the many prominent ladies and gentlemen present: Bishop and Mrs. Alexander Walters, Bishop and Mrs. G. W. Clinton, Bishop J. W. Allstork, Rev. Dr. George E. Clement, editor of the Star of Zion; Register of the Treasury and Mrs. J. C. Napier, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Thompson, James A. Cobb, Judge R. H. Terrell, Francis Warren, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. W. J. Howard, Lewis E. Johnson, James H. W. Howard, F. H. Murray, J. Frank Wheaton, New York; Dr. O. M. Waller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Emory T. Morris, Boston, Mass.; Rev. Solomon P. Hood, T. J. Calloway, Joshua B. Bell, Jersey City; Charles L. Barnes, Prof. L. B. Moore, of Howard University; Alain Leroy Locke, F. H. M. Murray, Walter Singleton, Miss Nellie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General W. H. Lewis, Whitfield McKinlay, Dr. F. O. Williston, Salisbury, N. C.; Edward Braithwaite, Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Anderson, Chicago, Ill.; James A. Ross, Robert N. Wood, James L. Curtis and James H. Lynch, New York, and Julius F. Taylor, Chicago, Illinois.

The Battalion of the Colored High School cadets of Washington, D. C., marched and counter-marched almost as well as the well drilled or trained soldiers and with a fine band of music they attracted much attention, right here it must be said that the color line was so indistinct that several of the White bands had from one to three or four Colored men in them and they played away and made as much noise in blowing their horns as the White members of the bands.

The Colored Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, the True Reformers and several other Colored civic clubs and so on including the National Colored Independent League with William Monroe Trotter, Editor of the Guardian, Boston, Mass., well to the front; Richard R. Horner, one of the leading Afro-American lawyers of Washington, D. C., commanding the Eighth Brigade, which was headed by the National Training School Band (Colored) Washington, D. C., were the next to pass in review.

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